

REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's thorough consideration provided the present application. Claims 1-13 are now present in the application. Claims 1, 4, 7 and 10 have been amended. Claims 1, 4 and 7 are independent. Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated that all of the claims would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Applicant greatly appreciates the indication of allowable subject matter by the Examiner.

Claim Objection

Claim 10 has been objected to due to the presence of minor informalities. In view of the foregoing amendments to claim 10, in which the Examiner's helpful suggestion has been followed, it is respectfully submitted that this objection has been addressed. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection are respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 1-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and

distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

In view of the foregoing amendments to claims, it is respectfully submitted that these rejections have been addressed. Accordingly, all of the claims are now definite and clear. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, are therefore respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above, all of the claims have overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Accordingly, it is believed that all of the claims are in condition for allowance.

Since the remaining patents cited by the Examiner have not been utilized to reject the claims, but merely to show the state of the prior art, no further comments are necessary with respect thereto.

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the Office Action, and that as such, the Examiner is respectfully requested to send the application to Issue.

In the event there are any matters remaining in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Joe McKinney Muncy, Registration No. 32,334 at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), Applicant respectfully petitions for a one (1) month extension of time for filing a response in

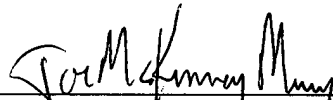
connection with the present application and the required fee of \$120.00 is attached herewith.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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